Bingo Variation

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BINGO or **B-I-N-G-O** has been around, as a children's dance, for a long time. As I browse the internet, I have found that the dance version has all but disappeared and has been replaced by a spelling game. The music has also been changed to add a note at the end of the song. It used to be B-I-N-G-O. Now it is B-I-N-G-O.

Probably all children's songs evolve. When I was young the words I learned were, **"A big black dog sat on the porch".** This evolved into **"There was a farmer had a dog"**. I had to learn the new words to keep up with the times.

Chuck and Becky Jaworski presented a version of this dance that has a hand clap sequence that is very useful for children from about 8-10 age. To see the dance click here. I wrote out the dance steps and also included a sample of the original tune. That music is available from the Lloyd Shaw Foundation. To hear the sample click here.

I also found music sheets for this dance in several keys. Click here. They are free.

1-16 Circle Left

17-32 Circle Right

Then the music changes for the hand clap routine.

On "B" Clap the opposite person's right hand with your right hand.

On "I" Clap the opposite person's left hand with your left hand.

On "N" Clap the opposite person's both hands.

On "G" Clap your own knees.

On "O" Clap your own hands together.

When I use this dance, I always sing the song without any background arrangement.